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Attack on Manila is Anxiously Watched For

The Work of Landing the Second Expedition Now in Progress--The Present Force Feels Able to Compel Capitulation of the City.

CAVITE, July 19.—The work preliminary to the landing of the troops of the second expedition is now in progress.

The assault on Manila is eagerly awaited by the American troops who feel abundantly able to force the capitulation of the city with its present strength.

The Spanish steamer *Campania de Filipinas* has been taken in recently by the insurgent forces.

Powers Have Agreed Concerning the Islands

They Will Strongly Oppose the Annexation of Them By America.

BERLIN, July 22.—It is reported here on good authority that all the European powers except England have come to an agreement regarding the Philippine islands. They will strongly oppose American annexation or the establishment of an Anglo-American protectorate.

GARCIA'S FORCES SUFFER DEFEAT

He Attempts to Capture the Spanish Forces--A Bloody Battle Fought--Forty-Six Cubans and Eighteen Spaniards Killed--Many Were Wounded.

New York, July 22.—A special from Santiago says:

It is reported tonight that General Garcia's army attacked a detachment of Spanish soldiers bound for this city to surrender and was badly beaten. Garcia ambushed the Spaniards and demanded them to surrender immediately to him. The Spaniards refused and a bloody fight followed, resulting in the routing of Garcia's army. Forty-six Cubans and eighteen Spaniards were killed, and many were wounded on both sides.

It is understood to be Garcia's intention to attempt the capture of Holquin without the aid of the American forces.

The fight occurred twenty-nine miles northwest of Santiago. General Garcia's army had proceeded upon this mission when the Spanish troops were encountered. The Spaniards, it is said, had been gathered from the fortified towns in the vicinity, and were proceeding to Santiago under terms of surrender agreed to by General Toral.

Garcia ordered his men to form so as to be concealed in the chapparel, hoping to annihilate the first section of the Spanish troops. His plans were promptly put into execution, but the Spaniards, quickly recovering from the

demoralization by the opening shots, replied fiercely and General Garcia's ambushade was a complete failure.

Although unsuccessful in his plan to trap the Spaniards, Gen. Garcia, according to the Cubans who brought the story, sent word to them demanding that they surrender forthwith. To this demand the Spanish commander returned an emphatic refusal. Gen. Garcia ordered his troops to prepare to fight. Gen. Garcia had decided, it is said, to attempt to carry the Spanish position by assault, and his troops pressed forward when the word was given. Their progress was firmly resisted at every point by the Spaniards, who, after several hours of hard fighting, put the Cubans to flight.

THE CONDITIONS AT SANTIAGO

Sick Rate Diminishing--Affairs of the City Directed by General Wood.

SANTIAGO, July 23.—The sick rate among the American troops is diminishing. They are camped on high, healthful lands, and General Wood directs the affairs of the city. He has American troops on police duty, and no disorder nor friction has occurred between the officers and the citizens.

Fresh meat is provided for the troops, and a postoffice has been established.

The quarantine is strictly attended to.

Porto Rico Soon to Be Attacked.

WASHINGTON, July 23.—It has been announced at the war department that an attack on Porto Rico is due about the middle of next week. General Ernest's brigade will reach Porto Rico Tuesday.

YESTERDAY'S CABINET MEETING

Porto Rican Expedition Discussed--General Miles' Departure a Matter of Congratulation.

WASHINGTON, July 22.—The cabinet session today occupied an hour and a half, and was devoted almost exclusively to discussion of the Porto Rican expedition and other aggressive steps in the campaign. After the session it was specifically and positively stated that there had been no discussion whatever as to the peace outlook, as to the new phase created by the Cuban insurgents' independent attitude, or the action of Aguinaldo in the Philippines.

General Miles' departure was made a matter of congratulation and the steps to follow it were thoroughly reviewed. It was announced that the troops and convoys under General Miles will probably arrive there next Sunday, but further details are withheld. There seems to be no longer any doubt as to the purpose of the government in regard to the island when occupied. It will be permanently annexed to the United States.

SPANISH PRESS IS SILENCED

The Action Taken to Prevent Criticism of Cervera and Toral By the Weyler Factions.

MADRID, July 22.—The Spanish government has ordered the press to close its columns to the generals or civil officials. It is thought that this measure is taken to prevent any undue criticism of Toral and Cervera by the Weylerites and other factions of similar views. Polaviejas has been suspected of intriguing to become the head of the military cabinet.

NAVY INCREASE ABANDONED

Probably Caused by a Conference with Representatives of the Union Iron Works--Firm Expects Big Orders.

MOSCOW, July 23.—Russia has abandoned for the present her big increase of navy. This change is supposed to be due to the arrival of representatives of the Union Iron Works of San Francisco, who had been summoned by the Russian navy department for conference regarding big orders for the American firm.

HOBSON ARRIVES ON THE ST. PAUL

The Hero of the Merrimac Has Reached New York and Left for Washington to Report to the Navy Department.

NEW YORK, July 22.—The United States cruiser *St. Paul* arrived here today from the harbor of Guantanamo with all well on board. Lieutenant Hobson arrived on the *St. Paul*, and it is believed proceeded at once to Washington by way of the Pennsylvania railroad. It is possible Hobson is the bearer of Admiral Sampson's report of the naval engagement off Santiago. When Hobson left the ferryboat at the foot of Whitehall street it took the crowd but a moment to learn his identity, and hundreds soon gathered to cheer him.

Lieutenant Hobson said he had inspected the wrecked Spanish warships and he is certain if prompt action is taken two of them, the *Cristobal Colon* and *Maria Teresa*, can be saved. "Should a gale spring up," added Lieutenant Hobson, "all work of the wreckers would go for naught, and the *Colon* and *Teresa* be lost to us. That is why I am hurrying to Washington to explain to the officials there the necessity of making contracts at once for the raising of the warships."

POPE LEO'S CRITICAL CONDITION

His Sun May Soon Set--A Number of Conferences Held--Cardinal Parrochi May Be the Next Pope.

NEW YORK, July 23.—The health of Pope Leo continues to excite apprehension throughout the Catholic world.

The prevailing opinion among the members of the college at Rome is that Pope Leo's sun is near its setting, and he knows his night is not far off.

The Cardinals have held a number of conferences within the last ten days. Parrochi, Nicar of the Holiness, presided, and the question of his successorship has been discussed. Parrochi is thought to have a good chance to succeed to the chair of St. Peter. Leo is thought to favor Rampollo, the papal secretary of state. No American church dignitary is even mentioned in the matter of successorship, and an Italian is sure to be the next pope.

Going Back to Hawaii.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 22.—Ex-Queen Liliuokalani, attended by her physician, Dr. English, and Mr. and Mrs. Heleluke, has arrived from Washington, en route to Honolulu. The party will leave on the *Gaelic* next Tuesday for the Hawaiian islands.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. 25c.

FIVE DROWNED MANY MISSING

The Fraser River Disaster Worse Than First Reported--Entire Fleet of Fishing Boats Caught in a Storm and Demolished.

VANCOUVER, B. C., July 23.—The disaster to the salmon fishers at the mouth of the Fraser river, caused by the recent storms, appears to have been worse than at first reported.

The whole fleet was out at the time. Many of the boats were strung together, and when the storm-cloud burst they were dashed against each other with such force as to either demolish them outright or render them useless.

Five of the men were seen to sink out of sight. It was at first thought this was the extent of the fatalities, but when the men reported twenty-five were found to be missing. These include Chinese, Japanese, Indians and whites. They may yet be heard from, but it is more than likely that they have been lost.

AN EXCITING FORGERY CASE

A Multimillionaire Rancher of Glenn County, California, Has a Grievance to Answer--Claims Forgery.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 23.—Miss Minnie Murdock has commenced suit here to collect a note for \$100,000 and interest at one per cent a month since 1877, amounting in all to \$350,000, against the estate of William Murdock, a multimillionaire rancher of Glenn county, who died four years ago. Plaintiff alleges her uncle gave her a note when she was a little child saying he wanted to provide for her when she was older. Murdock heard of the note before he died and declared it forgery. He denied emphatically that he ever gave his niece any note or had any such conversation as that alleged.

The suit has created a sensation throughout Northern California, and the heir of Murdock will prosecute the holders of the note for forgery. Experts have declared the note bogus.

MARTIAL LAW STILL PREVAILS

Saloons are Still Closed--Soapy Smith's Slayer is Now in a Very Precarious Condition.

JUNEAU, July 17, by the steamer *Al-Ki* to departure bay, B. C., July 22.—The town of Skaguay is still under martial law, and all saloons are closed. Twenty-six men who have been bound over by the United States commissioner, have been taken to Sitka.

City Surveyor Reid, who killed Soapy Smith recently, received a wound in the thigh, and may die of blood poisoning.

J. W. Tanner has been appointed deputy United States marshal at Skaguay, in place of Taylor, who is charged with negligence of official duty.

SERIOUS AFFRAY AT PENDLETON

George Ely Probably Fatally Shot By Moses Thompson.

PENDLETON, July 22.—Moses Thompson shot George Ely at noon today in front of Newman's cigar store on Main street. Ely was taken to Cole's hospital and is not expected to recover. The ball entered the left groin and is thought to have passed nearly through the intestines. Thompson was arrested. He is a prominent G. A. R. man and resided here thirty years.

Cash in Your Checks. All county warrants registered prior to July 12, 1894, will be paid at my office. Interest ceases after July 7, 1898. C. L. PHILLIPS, County Treasurer.

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BETTER RIFLES FOR VOLUNTEERS

Members of the Porto Rican Expedition Will be Armed With the Krag-Jorgensen Gun as Fast as Possible.

New York, July 23.—A special from Washington to the Times says:

At least 20,000 of the volunteers who go to Porto Rico are to be supplied with the Krag-Jorgensen magazine rifle, used by the regular army. This announcement, made by the ordnance department, came as a surprise, the understanding having been that the supply of the improved guns would not permit of their being served out to the volunteers for some months to come. The ordnance department was content to let that impression prevail, so long as it was not prepared to controvert it with the arms themselves, but it has been straining every energy to accumulate a stock of the rifles in order to begin their issue generally as soon as possible.

WILL ATTEMPT TO VOID THE CONTRACT

Trouble May Result if the Spanish Steamship Company is Given the Contract for Carrying Troops.

NEW YORK, July 23.—The World says: A lawyer has been retained by the steamship companies who were bidders for the transporting of the 22,000 captured Spanish prisoners from Santiago to Spain, who will begin action today to have the contract made with *Compania Trans-Atlantica Espanola* set aside. The ground taken is that the successful bidder is a licensed corporation of a nation with which we are at war, and that according to a measure passed by the Spanish cortes one-half of the receipts of every corporation doing business under the Spanish government must be surrendered to the government to help defray the expenses of the war.

By letting the contract to a Spanish corporation the government indirectly pays into the Spanish treasury a sum equal to one-half the stipulation.

GARCIA MADE NO COMPLAINT

Letter Said to Have Been Sent by Him to Shafter Was Written by an Officer of Castillo's Staff.

SANTIAGO DE CUBA, July 23.—It now turns out that the letter alleged to have been addressed by General Garcia to General Shafter, complaining of the treatment accorded to the Cubans, and advising General Shafter of General Garcia's resignation, was sent by a correspondent named Aras, who has been acting on the staff of General Garcia. It is not clear that Garcia ever saw the letter.

Released From Quarantine. New York, July 22.—Miss Jennings, a nurse, newspaper correspondents and several discharged soldiers who arrived on the *Seneca* Wednesday, have been released from quarantine.